

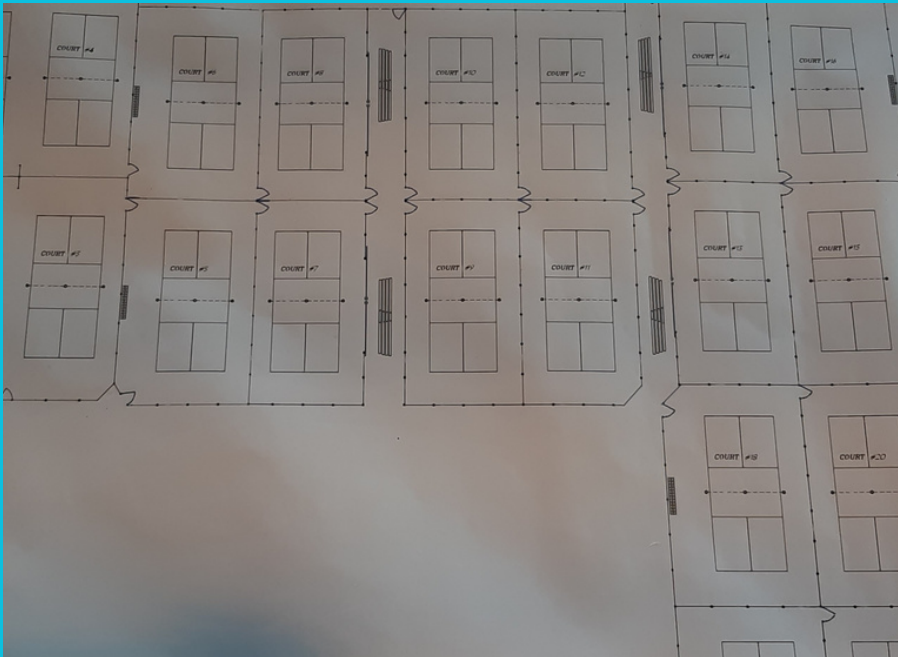
# Quarterly WSPC Club NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2023



## WSPC Annual Membership Meeting June 4, 2023

WSPC members gathered at Lincoln Park for the annual club updates and to learn more about the Lincoln Park Court Expansion, the Brick Campaign Fundraiser, and to meet the newly elected WSPC Board members



Jeffrey Smith explains the highly anticipated new court layout at Lincoln Park

# WSPC Board Members



**Jeffrey Smith**



**Anna Goetz, Gordon Dirst,  
Linda Griffith, and newly elected Ed Roffey**



**Brenda Furnace, George Gerson,  
and Beth Klein**



**Newly elected Tracy Baron**



**Tracy Dvorak**



**Rob Schoeber**

# Info from the WSPC Annual Meeting

**Project Update:** Lincoln Park court expansion project is starting in July. The contractor is finishing up the new tennis courts at Canyon View Park and will be moving over to Lincoln Park when those are done. They have an eight week time schedule for the pickleball court project which would put completion in mid to late September depending on how the work flows. A quicker completion is also possible and we will keep everyone informed as we meet monthly with the Parks & Rec staff overseeing the project.

**Brick Campaign:** We launched a brick campaign at the annual meeting on June 4th. Funds from brick sales will go towards amenities for the courts at Lincoln Park that are not included in the City's budget. Shade structures, benches, tables, wind screens for the fences and hopefully a camera system for viewing court activity on-line. Brick sales are off to a good start with purchase options through an on-line donor site or hard copy order forms available on our website. Anyone can purchase a brick and have it engraved with names, comments, or salutations of your choice. Symbols such as smiley faces, sports logos etc. are available on the larger size bricks( 8" & 12").

## **Brick options:**

**4x8, 3 lines of engraving - \$100**

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**Donor site: <https://www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/wspickleball>**

**Or scan QR code:**



# WSPC Board Updates

## From Jeffrey Smith, WSPC President

**Pineridge News:** The Pineridge courts will be resurfaced by the same contractor doing the Lincoln Park courts.

No date information yet but likely near the end of the LP project when they are doing the surface coating. Two additional permanent nets will be installed at Pineridge as well.

The City is also building a nice structure to house the portable bathroom facility.

**Indoor Pickleball** at the Indoor Tennis Center (Bubble).

The "Bubble" is offering a four-month membership at \$20 for indoor pickleball play. Members will be able to rent courts for \$12 an hour and may make reservations. This will be a great option to play out of the heat and wind during the court closure at Lincoln Park. Contact Caleb Marquardt at (970) 901-8441 for hours available and questions.

## Membership Updates from George Gerson

The club's 7th membership year ended on May 31 with a record total of 645 members. The membership for the very first full year totaled 184, so the club has been growing! In our 8th year, which started this month, we are already at 651 members with 168 new members joining the club.

## Miscellaneous

Contact information for Court Liaisons are on the inside lids of the Lost and Found Boxes at each play area.

Please reach out to them and let them know if any replacement items are needed for the First Aid kits.

# **WSPC Makeup Tournament 6th Annual Club Tournament 2023**

**The makeup tournament in April was a huge success! Brenda Furnace planned and ran a wonderful WSPC Tournament with the help of amazing volunteers, delicious vendors, outstanding players and many others who helped to make this tournament a big success.**

**The medal matches were refereed by club player/referees who were locally trained by Eileen Egloff. The weather was amazing and the pickleball matches were skillful and exciting! Thank you to all who helped, played, or otherwise took part in this fun weekend. Winner's names and group photos can be found on the Facebook WSPC Club page.**



***Brenda Furnace with her amazing volunteer crew***



**Thank you to Pete Robinson for these lively tournament action photos. Additional photos can be found on the WSPC Facebook club page: <https://www.facebook.com/Pickleballers>**



There were 171 players registered, with 208 matches played. The youngest WSPC club member, Jacob Smith, 13, won a bronze medal in the 3.5 division.

Our club goal was to referee all 3.0 matches and medal matches. Thanks to Eileen Egloff and her team for tackling this huge goal!



## Upcoming Tournaments:

### PEAK TO PEAK PICKLEBALL RALLY IN THE VALLEY TOURNAMENT

2023 | SEPT. 8-10



Round Robin Format - Medals awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for each bracket  
COST: \$40 (includes one event) + \$10 for a second event  
+ \$5/person/event (pickleballbrackets.com fee)

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REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 1, 2023 | REGISTRATION CLOSES: AUGUST 18, 2023  
PLAYER AGES 10+

FRIDAY, SEPT. 8 WOMEN'S DOUBLES 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0/4.5  
SATURDAY, SEPT 9 MIXED DOUBLES 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5  
SUNDAY, SEPT. 10 MEN'S DOUBLES 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5

Register at: [www.PickleballBrackets.com](http://www.PickleballBrackets.com) | TOURNAMENT SOCIAL: Saturday, Sept. 9  
Questions? Contact Stephanie McDonald at [smcdonald1107@hotmail.com](mailto:smcdonald1107@hotmail.com) (\$5 discount for Peak to Peak Club members)

## WSPC Teeshirts

Brenda Furnace wears  
the new WSPC teeshirt.  
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in buying one.



Colors are pink, green,  
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(not shown here).  
Sizes are small to XXXL.





## Recent WSPC Club Activities

### **WSPC Membership Appreciation Breakfast**

WSPC provided breakfast at the courts on May 16 & 17, 2023. Players enjoyed bagels and treats during the Round Robins.



**Lincoln Park Courts**



**Pineridge Courts**



### **CO2UT Desert Gravel Bike Race Volunteers**



15 WSPC members volunteered their time over 4 shifts to cover Aid Station #1 at the 25 mile mark of the bike race. In return, the club was awarded \$500 by Race Director, Morgan Murri.



## Congratulations to Tao!

WSPC member Tao Thongvanh is now a professional pro pickleball player in the NPL and competes on the Indy Drivers team!



The NPL is the National Pickleball League. Learn more about the league and teams at [www.nplpickleball.com](http://www.nplpickleball.com). Follow the match schedule and results there too.

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*Best way for someone to contact you:*

**Any way and any time that is convenient for them. My cell is 970-260-2555 My email is [Alecia@buygrandjunction.com](mailto:Alecia@buygrandjunction.com), or just hit me up at the courts.**

*Do you or your family play pickleball yourself?*

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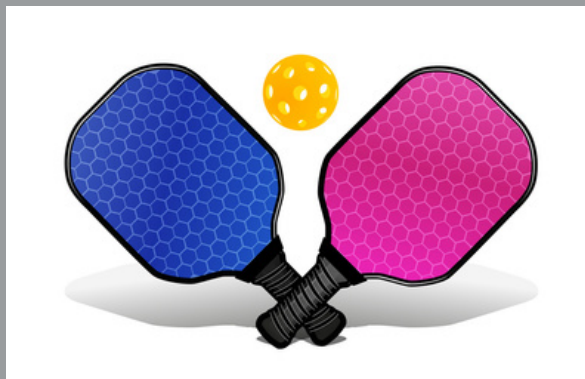
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For further club events and news, check the calendar on the website

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